

Register of Historic Kansas Places

Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating individual properties and districts. The format is similar to the National Register of Historic Places form. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets. Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Darrah Barn
Other name/site number 113-0000-0103

2. Location

Street & number 1330 Moccasin Road ☐ not for publication
City or town McPherson ☒ vicinity
State Kansas Code KS County McPherson Code 113 Zip code 67460

3.,4. Certification

I hereby certify that this property is listed in the Register of Historic Kansas Places.



11/30/05

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter Categories from instructions)

Agriculture/Subsistence: animal facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Secondary Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: gambrel-roof barn

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation: Ceramic Tile

Walls: Ceramic Tile

Wood

Roof: Asphalt (over original wood shingles)

Other:

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for the State Register)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1915 - 1922

Significant Dates

1915, 1922

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone		Easting						Northing						

3														
Zone		Easting						Northing						

4														
Zone		Easting						Northing						

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

Name/title Lucinda J. Darrah

Organization _____ Date April 5, 2005

Street & number 492 Peterboro Telephone 313-414-5181

City or town Detroit State MI Zip code 48201

Property Owner

Name Lucinda J. Darrah

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Darrah Barn
McPherson Co., Kansas

Description

Constructed between 1915 and 1922, the Darrah Barn is considered a typical dairy barn of the period. Measuring 34 feet wide and 67 feet long, the ground floor of the barn is constructed of hollow glazed tile blocks, although from the exterior it appears that the tiles only extend halfway up the first floor due to the loft extending below the eaves. Wood weatherboard is utilized on the gambrel ends and the exterior vertical side walls of the loft, which is formed by a large gambrel roof. The roof features a central ventilation cupola and a hay hood on the front elevation. There is also a small shed-roof dormer for ventilation in the center of the lower roof slope of the western elevation. The roof is in poor condition and consists of asphalt shingles over the original wood sawn shingles.

The front, or southern elevation, consists of a central opening enclosed with a modern folding garage door; however, the original-style plank doors which slide on an overhead rail in either direction are still present. When open, these doors obscure the narrow, five-pane window that is placed on each side of the opening. There are two additional single-leaf entrances on the front elevation, one placed at each corner. Both are of similar wood-plank construction and also slide on an overhead rail to open. The loft level feature a small, single-leaf wood-plank door immediately above the central opening and two massive wood-plank hayloft doors, each braced by two stacked "X"s, under the hay hood. There are also two small square openings, which are currently boarded over, flanking the double-leaf hayloft doors.

The side elevations each consist of nine six-over-six, double-hung windows, some of which have been boarded over.

The rear, or northern, elevation is similar to the front elevation in composition with a central opening enclosed by two sliding wood doors flanked by single-leaf sliding doors at each corner. There are no windows on the ground floor as this elevation was originally enclosed by a shorter, gable-roof section that collapsed in 2002. The loft level of the rear elevation reveals the outline of the gable roof, and the portion previously covered by the gable roof consists of horizontal planked boards that are flush instead of lapped like the other weatherboard. A large opening into the loft area of the main section is accessed by a wood stair ascending west to east and is partially covered by a tarp. A rectangular opening, currently boarded over, is present near the peak of the gambrel end. The ground floor of the gable-roof section was constructed of the same glazed tile block, some of which still remains. The lumber of the collapsed section is piled to the rear of the barn. According to descendant Margaret Ann Sheets, the rear section of the barn was constructed by Thomas Darrah's brother Sam with lumber utilized from the original barn on the property.

Like other dairy barns from this period, a silo is attached to the northeast corner of the barn (the missing gable-roof section). Constructed of the same glazed tile block, the silo is missing its roof cap. From the eastern elevation, its relationship with the main barn is clear as the tile block wall and the weatherboard portion remains on this elevation. A single-leaf entrance, also sliding on an overhead rail, provided

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entry into the gable-roof section between the main barn and the silo. About sixty feet east of this silo is another concrete silo of newer construction that is not included in this nomination.

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Statement of Significance

The Darrah Barn is being nominated to the Register of Historic Kansas Places as a good example of a gambrel-roof dairy barn with both glazed tile block and wood frame construction.

History

Thomas J. Darrah was born in Burke County, Pennsylvania on October 6, 1843. Before the Civil War, Darrah moved with his family to Leavenworth County. Along with his older brother, Sam, Darrah worked hauling freight over the Santa Fe trail. With the arrival of the railroads, Darrah relocated to McPherson County in 1871 where settled on government land. He improved this claim and gradually extended his holdings. In 1888, Darrah married Hannah Nelson and purchased the nominated property from Peter Hanson.

According to Margaret Ann Darrah Sheets, a descendant and McPherson resident who lived on the property in the 1950s, Hannah Nelson Darrah was truly a remarkable woman. Her story starts in Sweden where she was born; at the age of four she would immigrate with her family to America, eventually settling in Lindsborg. Months after their arrival Hannah's mother died, leaving herself, her siblings, and father to carry on. With this, Hannah was thrust into raising her siblings at the young age of five. Margaret Ann recalls stories of her great-grandfather making the girls' dresses while growing up. Margaret also remembers stories of her grandmother interacting with her local Indian friends; they would stop by while she was baking and exchange things. After Thomas died in 1916, Hannah raised the five children alone; instilling the Swedish values she was raised on. Hannah continued to cook a meal and dress up every anniversary after her husband died; it was the couple's day together. People remember Hannah as a woman who abhorred gossip, she would leave a conversation in order to dodge the subject. Because of this and other reasons, Hannah held much respect in the community. A testament to this respect, she was crowned the Diamond Jubilee Queen of McPherson in 1947, and in 1948 she was crowned the first Hillingsfest Queen of Lindsborg since World War II. She was the only remaining person from the group of Swedish immigrants. Hannah loved the farm and wanted to grow old on it, for a portion of her life she did reside in town, however, she did move back to the farm where she died at the age of 87.

The current owner, Lucinda Darrah, plans to repair the roof and eventually restore the collapsed rear section of the barn.

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Bibliography

Barns of the Midwest. Edited by Allen G. Noble and Hubert G. H. Wilhelm. Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press, 1995.

Oral interview with Margaret Ann Sheets, McPherson, Kansas, April, 2005.

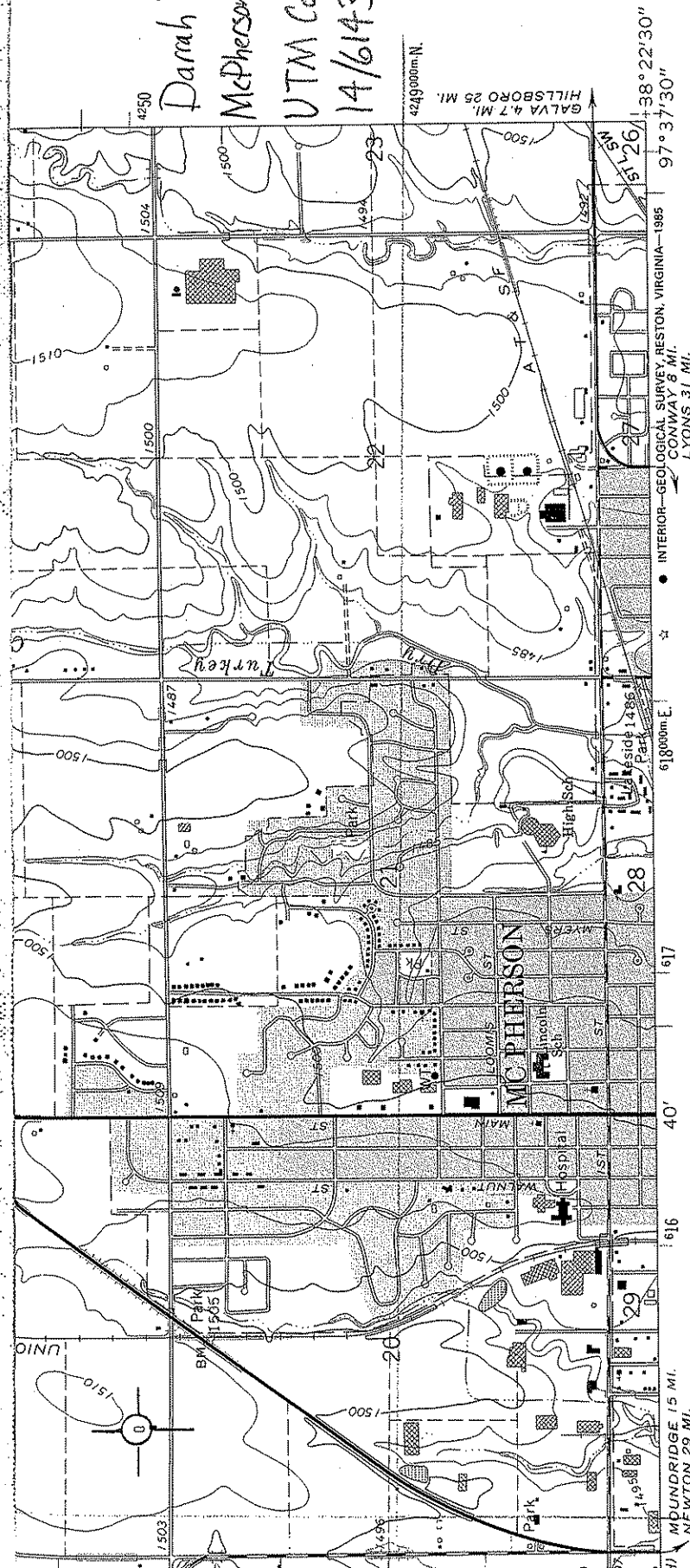
"Thomas J. Darrah." Obituary and family history on file at Old Mill Museum, Lindsborg.

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property consists of the barn and attached silo and a ten foot perimeter strip of land is located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 19 South, Range 3 West.

Boundary Justification

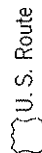
The nominated property is being limited to the barn and attached silo and a ten foot perimeter because it is part of a larger tract of land that includes a noncontributing house and other outbuildings.



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———



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ORADO 80225; OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
LAWRENCE, KANSAS 66044
SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

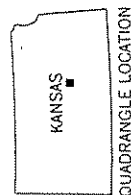
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Purple tint indicates extension of urban area



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

1 MILE

7000 FEET

6000

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1 KILOMETER

15 FEET

L DATUM OF 1929

